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1. DEPARTMENT APPROVES POSITION YOU PROPOSE TO TAKE AT

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NEXT MEETING OF NATO AMBASSADORS, FAVORING ATTENDANCE AT

BULGARIAN V-E CELEBRATION. IN SPITE OF "BIRTH OF WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM" ASPECTS, OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (INCLUDING FACT THAT WE WILL BE COMMEMORATING V-E IN SOME BILATERAL ACTIVITIES WITH SOVIETS IN US AND USSR) ON BALANCE MAKE OUR ATTENDANCE DESIRABLE AT MAIN EE HOST COUNTRY CELEBRATIONS. (GDR IS POSSIBLE EXCEPTION, GIVEN EXTREME FRG SENSITIVITIES TO CELEBRATIONS ON GERMAN TERRITORY. EMBASSY BERLIN SHOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON ATTENDANCE QUESTION WHEN SHAPE AND LEVEL OF LOCAL CELEBRATION BECOME CLEAR.)

2. WE SHARE VIEW THAT MOST COUNTRIES WILL DECIDE TO BE REPRESENTED, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, AT SOFIA CELEBRATION ON GROUND THAT DRAWBACKS TO ATTENDANCE ARE INSUFFICIENTLY CLEARCUT OR STRONG ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY REFUSING CHIEF OF STATE INVITATION. KISSINGER

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